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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AFRICAN GROUP'S DRAFT DECLARATION
SUBMITTED TO PARTICIPANTS OF WORLD CONFERENCE AUGUST 22.
DEPARTMENT PLEASE NOTE PARAS 15 AND 16 AS REQUIRING URGENT
ATTENTION.

QUOTE - DRAFT DECLARATION FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP

THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

HAVING MET IN GENEVA FROM 14 TO 25 AUGUST 1978 IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 32/129;

BEARING IN MIND THE GOALS OF THE DECADE WHICH ARE: TO
PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FOR ALL,
WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF ANY KIND SUCH AS RACE, COLOUR,
DESCENT, OR NATIONAL OR ETHNIC ORIGIN, ESPECIALLY BY
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ERADICATING RACIAL PREJUDICE, RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, TO ARREST ANY EXPANSION OF RACIST POLICIES, TO ELIMINATE THE PERSISTENCE OF RACIST POLICIES AND TO COUNTERACT THE EMERGENCE OF ALLIANCES BASED ON MUTUAL ESPOUSAL OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION; TO RESIST ANY POLICY AND PRACTICES WHICH LEAD TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE RACIST REGIMES AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUSTAINMENT OF RACISM

AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION; TO IDENTIFY, ISOLATE AND DISPEL THE FALLACIOUS AND MYTHICAL BELIEFS, POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND TO PUT AN END TO RACIST REGIMES;

CONSIDERING THAT THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DIGNITY AND EQUALITY OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS AND SEEKS, AMONG THE BASIC OBJECTIVES TO ACHIEVE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN PROMOTING AND ENCOURAGING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FOR ALL WITHOUT DISTINCTION AS TO RACE, SEX, LANGUAGE OR RELIGION,

DETERMINED TO PROMOTE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID.

ENDORING THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 8 NOVEMBER 1976; THE LAGOS DECLARATION FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID (1977); AND THE MAPUTO DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA (1977);

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TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS ADOPTED BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, IN PARTICULAR THE ILO AND UNESCO AND OTHER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS;

COMMENDING THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHO UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ARE WAGING A HEROIC STRUGGLE FOR THE EXERCISE OF THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHTS TO SELF-DETERMINATION, FREEDOM AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE;

NOTING FURTHER WITH GRAVEST CONCERN THAT RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID CONTINUE TO AFFLICT THE WORLD;

DETERMINED THAT THESE EVILS AGAINST THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN BEING SHALL BE ERADICATED AND THAT THE DANGER WHICH THEY CONSTITUTE TO HARMONIOUS RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY WOULD BE THEREBY REMOVED, SOLEMNLY DECLARES:
(1) ANY DOCTRINE OF RACIAL SUPERIORITY IS SCIENTIFICALLY FALSE, MORALLY CONDEMNABLE, SOCIALLY UNJUST AND DANGEROUS, AND HAS NO JUSTIFICATION WHATSOEVER;

(2) ALL PEOPLES AND ALL HUMAN GROUPS HAVE CONTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN GENIUS TO THE PROGRESS OF CIVILIZATION AND CULTURES WHICH CONSTITUTE THE COMMON HERITAGE OF HUMANITY;

(3) ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND IN PARTICULAR GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES BASED ON THE THEORY OF RACIAL SUPERIORITY OR ON RACIAL HATRED ARE A VIOLATION OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND JEOPARDIZE FRIENDLY RELATIONS AMONG PEOPLES, CO-OPERATION BETWEEN NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY;

(4) APARTHEID, THE EXTREME FORM OF INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM, IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY AND AN AFFRONT TO

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DIGNITY OF MANKIND;

(5) RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ARE A NEGATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY OF ALL INDIVIDUALS, PEOPLES AND NATIONS, AND OF THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL OR FOREIGN DOMINATION TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO FULL DEVELOPMENT.

(6) RACIST REGIMES MUST BE FULLY ISOLATED AND UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AGAINST THESE REGIMES MUST BE IMPLEMENTED STRICTLY AND FAITHFULLY BY ALL STATES AS IN COLLABORATION IN ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND OTHER FIELDS CONSTITUTE AN IMPEDIMENT TO THE LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA;

(7) ALL THOSE WHO PROFIT FROM RACIST DOMINATION AND EXPLOITATION IN SOUTH AFRICA, OR ASSIST THE APARTHEID REGIME, OR FACILITATE THE PROPAGANDA IN FAVOR OF APARTHEID, ARE ACCOMPLICES IN THE PERPETUATION OF THIS CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY;

(8) SUPPORT FOR AND SOLIDARITY WITH ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLES AND THEIR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ALL VICTIMS OF RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID SHOULD BE A COMMITMENT OF ALL GOVERNMENTS AND ALL INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS;
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(9) ACTION ON THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS TO ERADICATE RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND OTHER SPHERES;

(10) IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL GOVERNMENTS TO EDUCATE THEIR PEOPLE BY ALL AVAILABLE MEANS TO PROMOTE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE EVILS OF RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID AND TO STIMULATE RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS;

(11) IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE MOST EXTREME FORM OF RACISM COMPOUNDED BY SETTLER COLONIALISM HAS LED TO THE WORST FORM OF EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN DEGRADATION;

(12) THE CREATION OF BANTUSTANS IS A DIABOLICAL MANOEUVRE DESIGNED TO DISPOSSESS THE AFRICAN PEOPLE OF THEIR LAND AND TO CONSOLIDATE THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC WHITE SETTLER DOMINATION WHICH THE WORLD COMMUNITY SHOULD CONTINUE TO REJECT AND CONDEMN;

(13) CO-OPERATION WITH THE APARTHEID REGIME IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD, ESPECIALLY BY PROVISION OF TRAINING, SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT AND FISSIONABLE MATERIAL, CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND THE TRANSFER OF ANY FORM OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO SOUTH AFRICA IS A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

(14) THE SO-CALLED INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA IS A BLATANT ATTEMPT TO SPLIT THE INTERNATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND TO PERPETUATE RACIST MINORITY RULE AND CANNOT THEREFORE BE AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF ZIMBABWE.

(15) THE CONFERENCE CONDEMNS THE EXISTING AND INCREASING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ZIONIST STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE RACIST REGIMES OF SOUTH AFRICA, IN PARTICULAR THOSE IN THE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY FIELD, AND DEPLORES AND WARNS AGAINST CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THEM IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD.

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IT PARTICULARLY DEPLORES THE EXPANSION AND INTENSIFICATION OF THOSE RELATIONS AT THE TIME WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY EXERTS ALL ITS EFFORTS TOWARDS THE END OF COM-

PLETELY ISOLATING THE RACIST REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA.
THE CONFERENCE VIEWS THE CO-OPERATION AS AN ACT OF
DELIBERATE CHOICE, AND A HOSTILE ACT AGAINST THE OPPRESSED
PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA, AS WELL AS A DEFIANCE OF THE RES-
OLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE EFFORTS OF THE
SOCIETY OF NATIONS TO ENSURE FREEDOM AND PEACE IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA.

THE CONFERENCE ALSO NOTES WITH CONCERN THE INSIDIOUS
PROPAGANDA BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AND ITS ZIONIST AND
OTHER SUPPORTERS AGALST THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANS AND
AGAINST GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE ADVOCATED FIRM ACTION
AGAINST APARTHEID.

(16) THE CONFERENCE RECALLS WITH DEEP REGRET THE CRUEL
TRAGEDY WHICH BEFELL THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE THIRTY YEARS
AGO AND WHICH IT CONTINUES TO ENDURE TODAY - MANIFESTED IN
PREVENTING IT FROM EXERCISING ITS RIGHT TO SELF-
DETERMINATION ON THE SOIL OF ITS HOMELAND, IN THE DISPER-
SION OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PALESTINIANS, THE PREVEN-
TION OF THEIR RETURN TO THEIR HOMES, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT
THEREIN OF SETTLERS FROM ABROAD, AND IN THE PRACTICE OF
DIVERSE FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PALESTINIANS
AFFECTING ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR DAILY LIVES IN A MANNER
WHICH PREVENTS THEIR ENJOYMENT OF THEIR ELEMENTARY HUMAN
RIGHTS ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY.

THE CONFERENCE EXPRESSES ITS GRAVE CONCERN OVER THIS
CONTINUING SITUATION AND DEPLORES ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO COM-
PLY WITH THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.
IT CALLS FOR THE CESSATION OF ALL PRACTICES OF RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION TO WHICH PALESTINIANS, AS WELL AS OTHER
INHABITANTS OF THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL,
ARE BEING SUBJECTED.

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THE CONFERENCE VOICES ITS HOPE THAT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WILL SOON HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE ITS IN-ALIENABLE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION IN PALESTINE, AND PROCLAIMS ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION AND AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

(17) STATES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS, RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND TRADE UNIONS ARE CALLED UPON TO ENSURE THE TOTAL AND EFFECTIVE REALIZATION OF THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID.

(18) TO THIS END THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME OF ACTION. END QUOTE.

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